

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. In the Office Action, claims 49 and 55 were allowed. Claims 31-32, 45-48, 50-54 and 56-57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant respectfully disagrees. It cannot be disputed that the specification clearly recites the use of an ionic liquid source. It is respectfully submitted that, to describe something as a “liquid,” by definition, means that it is not a solid and, to the extent practicable, does not contain solids.

Additionally, the specification clearly discusses aspects of the invention wherein vaporized molecules from the ionic liquid source are introduced into the deposition chamber. Given the expressly stated intent to vaporize molecules from the liquid source, it is respectfully submitted that those skilled in the art would readily understand that the liquid source described in the application does not, to the extent practicable, contain any solids. Any such solids would be undesirable in the vaporization process.

Respectfully, it is believed that the Examiner is adopting a hyper-technical reading of the specification to reach the conclusion that the specification does not disclose the use of a liquid source with no solid portion (to the extent practicable) as now recited in the pending claims.

Applicants would also note that, absent the § 112 rejection, the Examiner did not comment on the allowability of dependent claims 45-48, 50 and 57, which depend from independent claim 31, and dependent claims 51-54 and 56, which depend from independent claim 32. It is believed that, absent the § 112 rejection addressed above, each of these dependent

claims, which specifically recite the formula of the ionic liquid referenced in the independent claim is independently allowable over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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